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a comic about

TRANSPHOBIA

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## CONTENT NOTE:

This comic is about TRANSPHOBIA.  
It contains reproductions of the sort of  
things that transphobic people say  
and explorations of transphobic logic.



All the other content is my personal  
thoughts and feelings. I don't think any  
of that is transphobic but if you have  
feedback for me on that or anything else  
I want to hear it.



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BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE WARRING OVER A PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE GENDER RECOGNITION ACT



THE CHANGE WOULD MEAN THAT INSTEAD OF A MEDICALISED, CUMBERSOME AND EXPENSIVE PROCESS A SIMPLE CIVIL DECLARATION WOULD BE ENOUGH TO GET YOUR GENDER RECOGNISED BY OFFICIAL BODIES





**WRONG**

SOME LESBIANS \*  
ARE FREAKING OUT  
\*and others

LESBIAN =  
FEMALE

YOU ARE  
UNDERMINING  
WOMANHOOD

A MAN CAN'T  
JUST OPT INTO  
FEMALE OPPRESSION  
BY SELF-IDENTIFICATION

TRANSACT  
ERASES  
LESBIANS

GENDER ROLES  
ARE MORE  
RIGID!

GIRLS THESE  
DAYS AREN'T  
ALLOWED TO  
DIS-IDENTIFY  
WITH FEMINITY  
WITHOUT FEELING  
THEY HAVE TO  
BE A BOY!

EVERYONE  
HAS TO BE  
QUEER  
THESE DAYS

TO BE A  
LESBIAN  
IS SEEN AS  
NEGATIVE,  
AS A BIGOT

TRANSPeOPLE FORCE  
NONTRANSPeOPLE TO  
ACCEPT THEIR SUBJECTIVE  
REALITY AS TRUTH

WOMAN IS  
BEING RE-DEFINED  
AS 'NOT A MAN'  
MAKING IT  
MEANINGLESS!

MAN  
NOT  
QUEER

HERE  
IS  
A  
SLUR



AND, AND, IF MEN CAN JUST SAY THEY ARE WOMEN, AND, AND, THEN SAY THEY ARE LESBIANS, AND, AND, THEN THOSE LESBIANS WILL HAVE ..... P-P-PENISES!!





ALL THIS SHIT IS DOING MY BRAIN IN

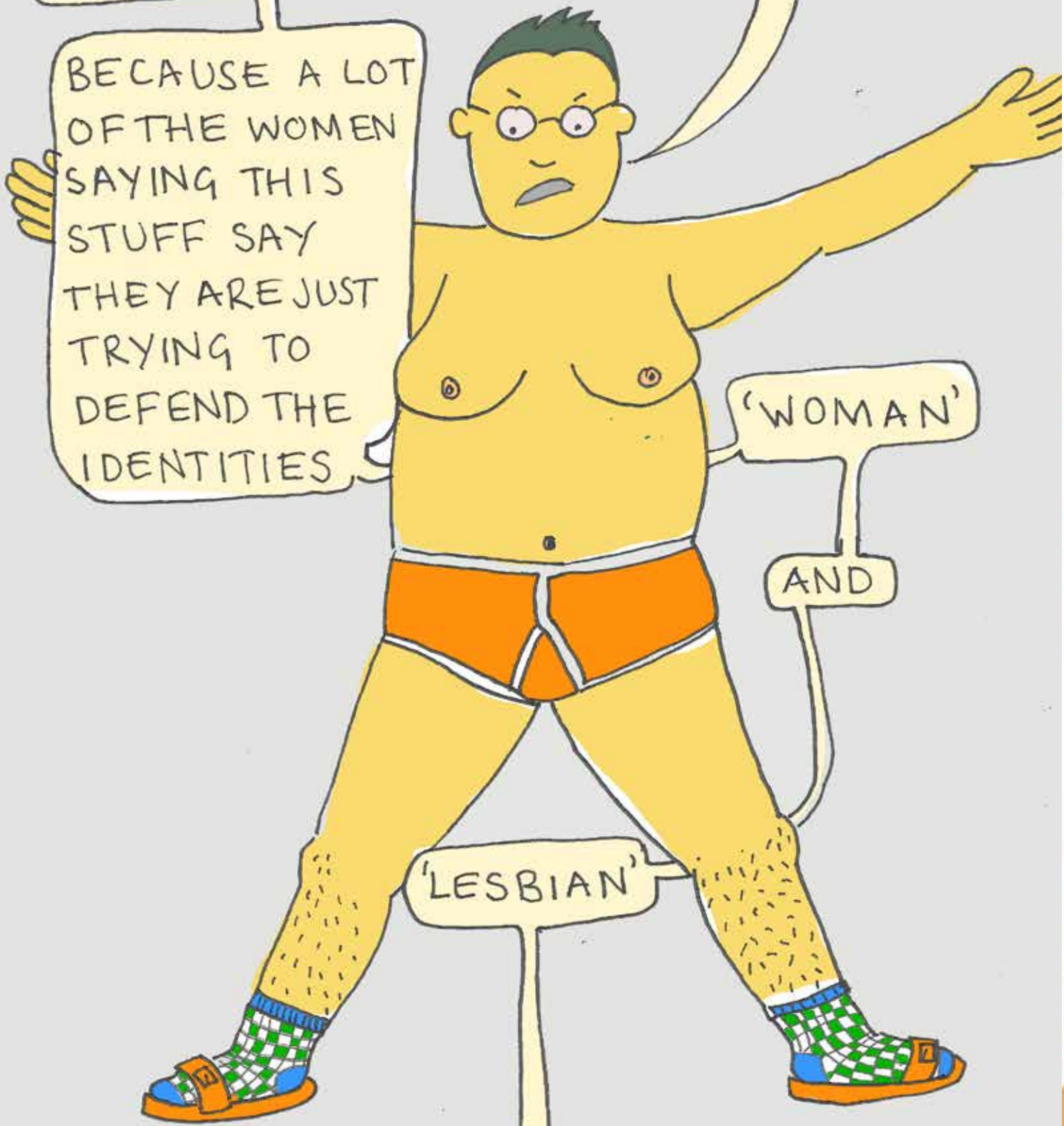
BECAUSE A LOT  
OF THE WOMEN  
SAYING THIS  
STUFF SAY  
THEY ARE JUST  
TRYING TO  
DEFEND THE  
IDENTITIES

'WOMAN'


AND

'LESBIAN'

AND THAT'S ME, RIGHT? IF MY IDENTITIES  
ARE THREATENED, SHOULDN'T I JOIN  
THE GOOD FIGHT???





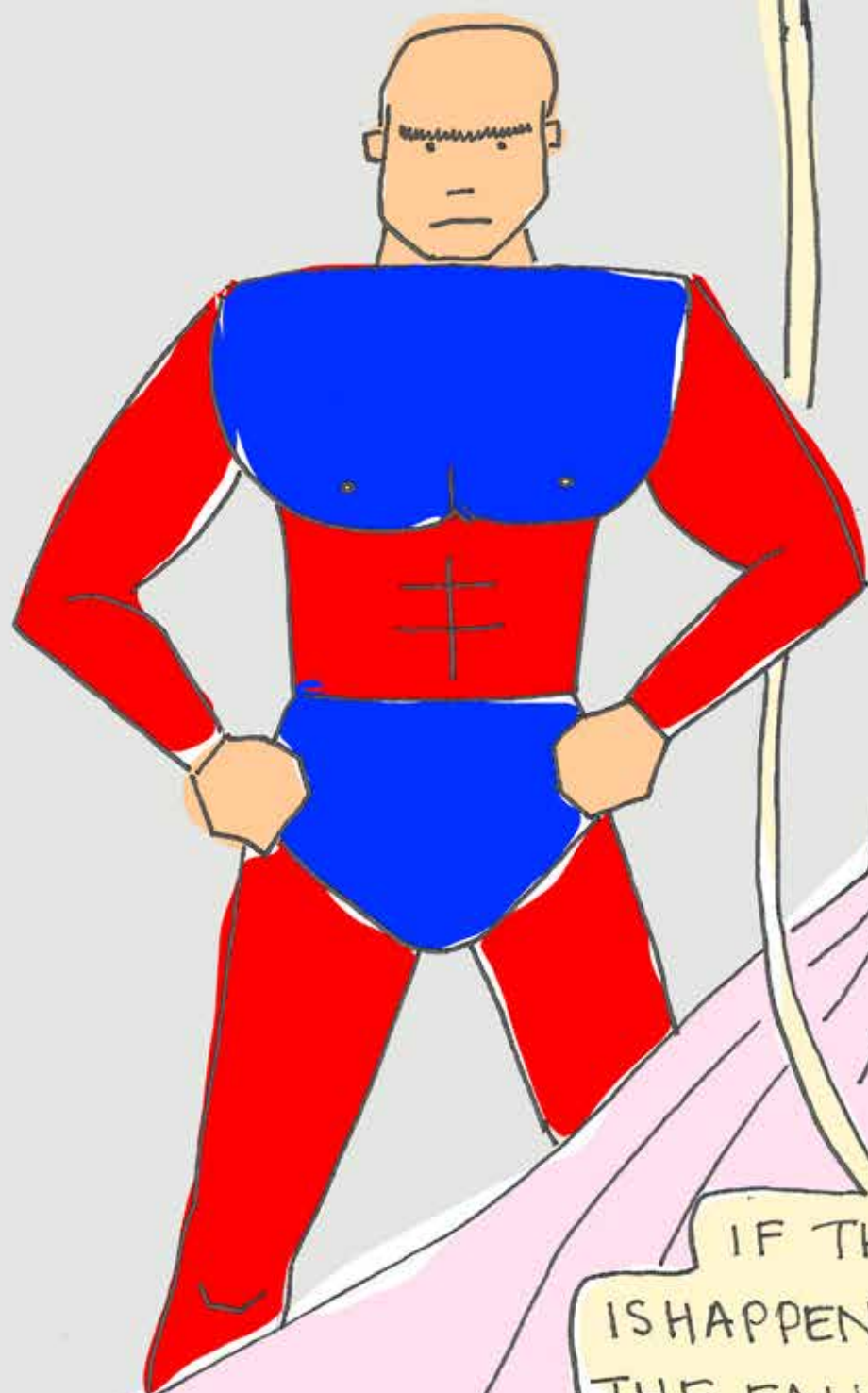


SO I TALKED IT  
THROUGH WITH  
MY SUPER-SMART  
GIRLFRIEND

AND THIS  
IS WHAT  
I THINK....



INCREASINGLY RIGID IDEAS ABOUT GENDER?



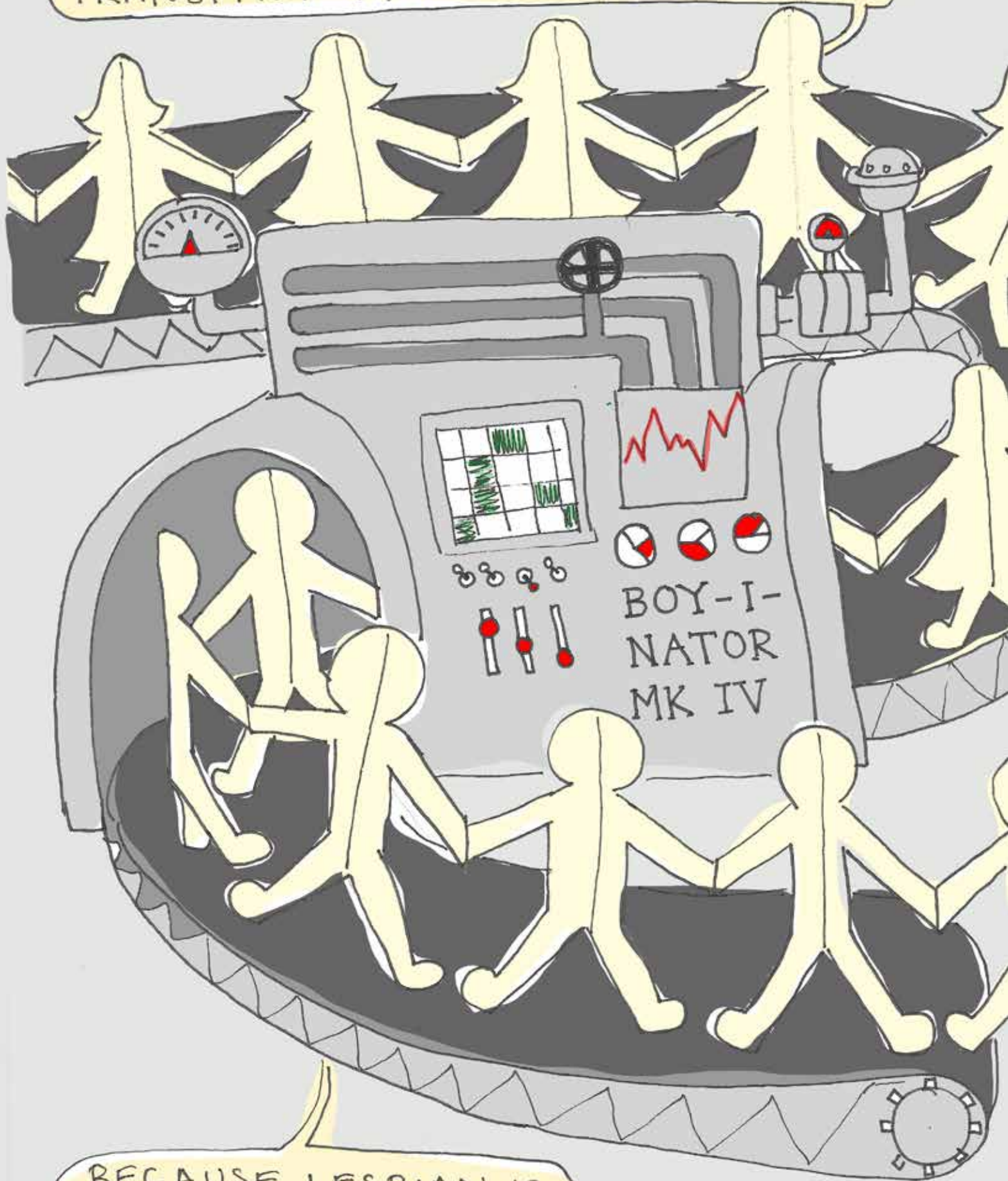
IF THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING, IT'S NOT THE FAULT OF TRANSPeOPLE

TRANSPeOPLE DISRUPT GENDER

IF YOU WANT TO BRING GENDER DOWN  
TRANSPeOPLE ARE YOUR ALLIES



GIRLS THESE DAYS WOULD RATHER  
TRANSITION THAN LIVE AS A DYKE ??



BECAUSE LESBIAN IS  
THE MOST HATED IDENTITY GOING ??





THAT MAKES NO SENSE

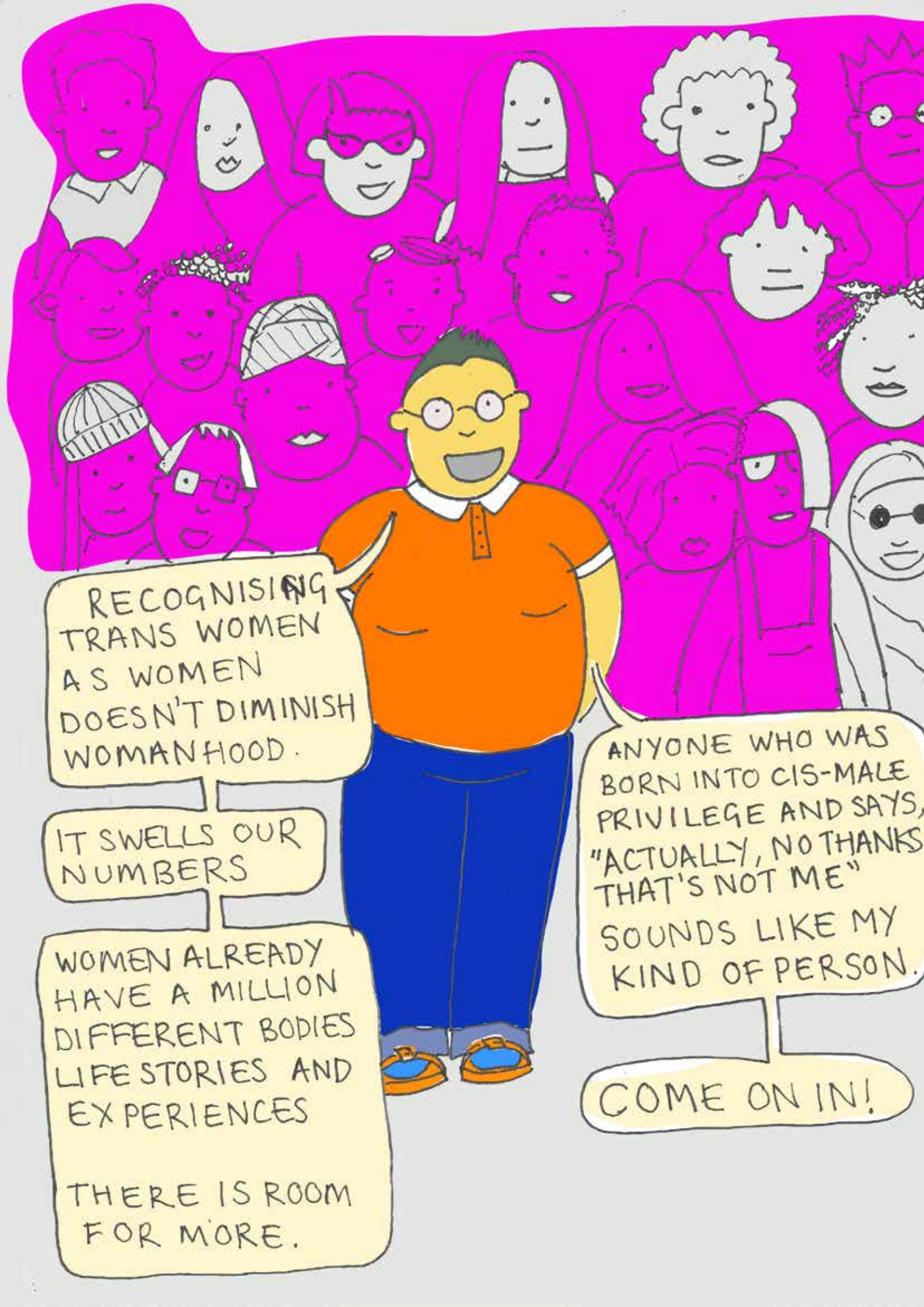
IT'S LUDICROUS TO THINK THAT A YOUNG DYKE COULDN'T COME OUT 'CAUSE OF LESBOPHOBIA, BUT WOULD BE SUPPORTED TO COME OUT AS TRANS

MAYBE LESBIAN IS DECLINING AS AN IDENTITY, BUT THAT'S NOT THE FAULT OF TRANSPEROPE AND QUEERS



IT'S NONSENSE TO WANT THERE TO BE MORE LESBIANS BUT POLICE IT SO RIGIDLY THAT ONLY A FEW WOMEN COULD QUALIFY





RECOGNISING  
TRANS WOMEN  
AS WOMEN  
DOESN'T DIMINISH  
WOMANHOOD.

IT SWELLS OUR  
NUMBERS


WOMEN ALREADY  
HAVE A MILLION  
DIFFERENT BODIES  
LIFE STORIES AND  
EXPERIENCES

THERE IS ROOM  
FOR MORE.

ANYONE WHO WAS  
BORN INTO CIS-MALE  
PRIVILEGE AND SAYS,  
"ACTUALLY, NO THANKS  
THAT'S NOT ME"  
SOUNDS LIKE MY  
KIND OF PERSON.

COME ON IN!





AND THE PENIS THING ??

MAYBE YOU FEEL PENISES ARE  
ABSTRACT, NOT ATTACHED  
TO PEOPLE.

EVEN INSTRUMENTS  
OF SUBJUGATION

BUT THEY ARE JUST  
ANOTHER BODY PART

WITH CULTURAL  
MEANINGS  
THAT CAN BE  
CHANGED

TO SAY  
THAT  
BECAUSE  
SOMEONE  
HAS A  
PARTICULAR  
BODY OR  
BODY PART  
THEY CAN'T  
BE A WOMAN  
OR A LESBIAN  
IS TRANSPHOBIC  
AND NONE OF  
YOUR BUSINESS.

TO USE YOUR OWN DISTASTE OR TRAUMA TO  
INVALIDATE OTHERS IS NOT OK!



AND WHAT IF YOU 'WIN' THE ARGUMENT

WHAT  
NEXT?



TRANS PEOPLE ~~EE~~ EXIST  
NON BINARY PEOPLE EXIST

ALWAYS HAVE  
ALWAYS WILL





SADLY, TRANSPHOBES  
WILL ALWAYS EXIST  
TOO

KEEPING ON  
DEBATING  
DOESN'T CLEAR  
THINGS UP

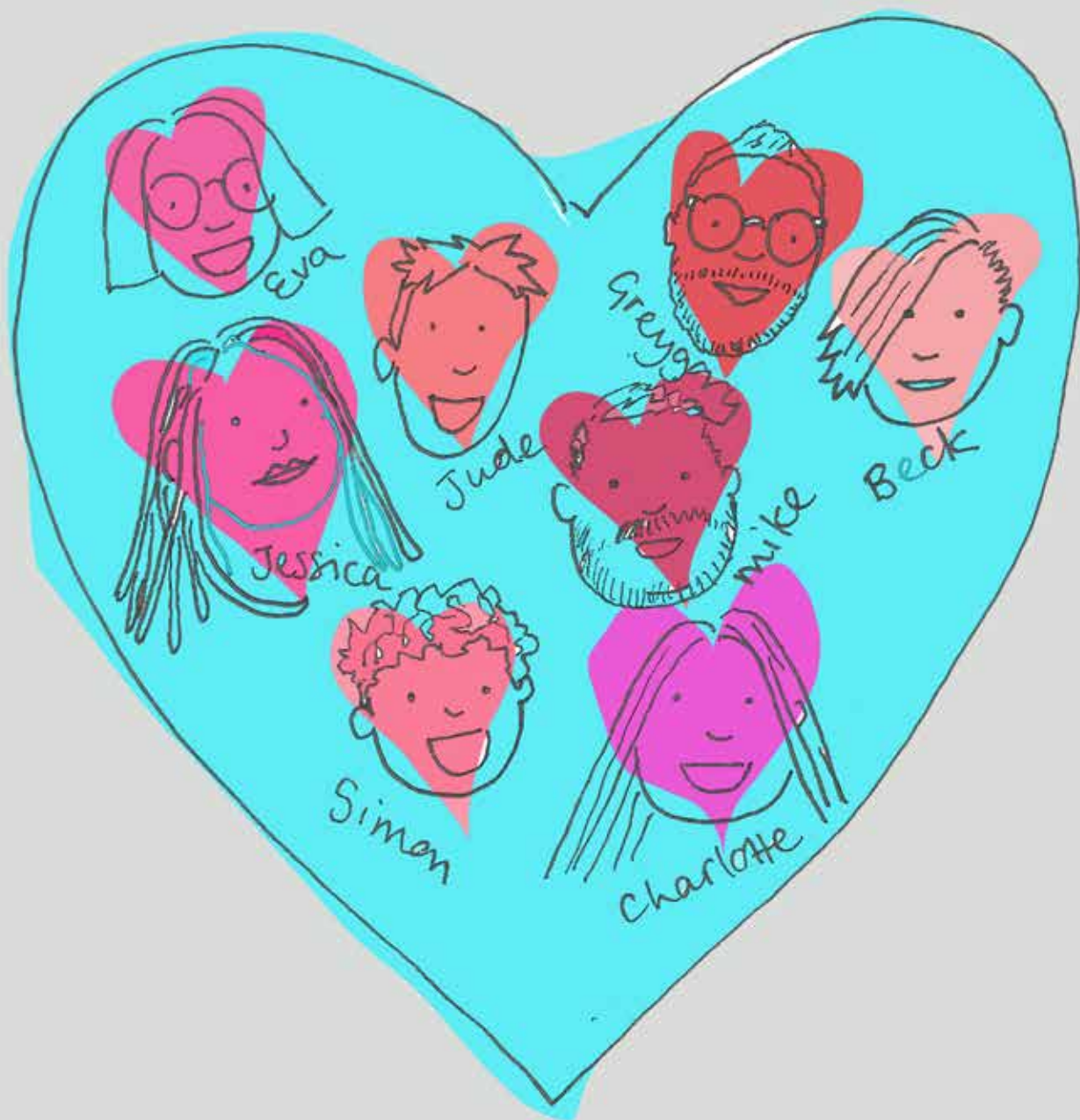
IT GIVES VOICE  
TO HATRED

IT IS  
TIME  
TO  
STOP





with huge love and thanks for the  
help and encouragement to...



and all my facebook friends who  
gave me cheers and likes in  
anticipation.





